

Amended specification:

Amended first paragraph on page 1 in lines 6-8:

The invention relates to an ignition device and to a method for producing it.

Amended first full paragraph on lines 6-13 on page 2:

The ignition device of the invention has the advantage that the paint layer brings about effective corrosion protection that is durable even at elevated temperatures and is simple to achieve. For instance, a spark plug that has been provided with a paint coating according to the invention exhibits no evidence of corrosion whatever even after a 100 hour salt-spray test.